



**MEETING SUMMARY REPORT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2002  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

**A Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Board Hearing** was held on February 25, 2002 at the Wells Fargo Bank Building in Albuquerque, New Mexico – Region VI.

**Total Attendance:** 88

**Congressional Representation in Attendance:** 6

- U.S. Representative Heather Wilson
- Jane Altwies  
Representative from Congresswoman Wilson's office
- Peg Hurley-Shepard  
Representative from Congresswoman Wison's office
- Joyce M. Pullen  
Representative from Senator Domenici's office
- Joe Trujillo  
Representative from Senator Domenici's office
- Sarah Cobb  
Representative from Congressman Udall's office

**SBA Personnel:** 8

- Michael L. Barrera  
National Ombudsman
- Veronica I. Miranda  
Counsel to the National Ombudsman
- Joseph O. Montes  
Region VI Regional Administrator
- Anthony J. McMahon  
New Mexico District Office Director

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- Edward Cadena  
New Mexico District Office Deputy Director
- Susan S. Chavez  
New Mexico District Office Economic Development Specialist
- Carlos G. Mendoza  
El Paso District Office Director

**Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Board Members in Attendance:** 2

- Frederick Peralta  
Taos, NM
- Wali Caradine  
Little Rock, AR

**Federal Agencies in Attendance:** 12

- IRS
- IRS/Taxpayer Advocate Service
- DOL
- DOL/OSHA
- DOL/Wage and Hour
- DOL/MSHA
- CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
- EPA
- USDA/FSIS
- GSA
- DOI/Bureau of Land Management
- EEOC
- INS
- DOE
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Sandia National Laboratory

**Number of Testifiers:** 10

**Summary:**

All testifiers filled out comment forms. However, they all requested confidentiality in their written forms. Most comments were about regulations in general, as opposed to enforcement. One comment, in particular, was jurisdictional. It involved OSHA, IRS and FDA and allegations by the testifier that they have been targeted for excessive numbers of audits. The company, however, are extremely afraid of retaliation and chose to send its comments through Joan Schlueter, spokeswoman for the National Association of Women Business Owners.